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Israel hails King Hussein's visit to Tel Aviv

JORDAN'S King Hussein yesterday flew an army helicopter to Tel Aviv, where Israelis hailed his visit as testimony to the blossoming peace between the former enemies.

The one-day trip, Hussein's first official visit to Tel Aviv, was a tribute to slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He flew into Sde Dov Airport, stepped down from the helicopter, and embraced Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Four Israeli F-15s flew over to honor him.

"Your very presence is testimony to the ever expanding ties of trust and cooperation which are binding our countries in a deepening, mutual friendship," Peres said.

At a ceremony honoring Elyakim Rubinstein and Fayez Tarawneh for their contributions to achieving the peace treaty at Beit Gavriel on the shores of Lake Kinneret last night, Hussein vowed to continue the legacy of Rabin, his "friend, brother, and partner," in striving to achieve a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace throughout the Middle East.

Rubinstein, now a district court judge, and Tarawneh, Jordan's ambassador to the US, led the delegations in the peace talks.

Flanked by Peres and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Hussein paid tribute to Rabin the peace-maker, and described his widow Leah as his "sister."

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"It is a privilege and pleasure for me to be among you this evening, together with the prime minister and the secretary of state, symbolizing our combined will, which has never diminished, to achieve a comprehensive peace in this entire region, and to contribute to this endeavor," he said.

"The last time I was in this beautiful part of the State of Israel, it was on a very different occasion, connected as it is with that which brings us together today."

He was referring to his meeting with Rabin at which the draft peace accord was ratified.

"We met here, my friend, my brother, and partner in building the Jordanian-Israeli peace - my fellow shepherd shepherding the movement towards peace - the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"I believe that although he has left us, he has left us a legacy, and we must do whatever we can to insure that what he gave his life for is not lost, or placed in jeopardy in any way.

"We struggle and will continue to do our utmost to move away from darkness, fear, narrow-mindedness, blindness, suffering, and hatred toward a future that is worthy of us, the children of Abraham and their descendants... to build a new region and hopefully be an inspiration to others in the world."

Rubinstein and Tarawneh each received a \$25,000 prize from the

Gabriel Sherover Foundation, which they both said they would donate to charity. The presentation should have taken place on November 7, but was postponed following Rabin's assassination.

After the ceremony, Christopher, Peres, and Hussein met for private talks about the peace process.

Earlier in the day, Hussein dedicated a trauma center named for Rabin at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, where he died on November 4. On the way to Ichilov, the king's motorcade passed the square where Rabin was gunned down by Yigal Amir.

"By definition, our society is quite divided," Peres said at the hospital ceremony. "I don't know any other element that can unite us more than your visit to our country."

Police sealed off the heart of Tel Aviv, deploying a quarter of the force to guard the king. It was the tightest security the city had ever seen.

Hussein, who last visited Israel for Rabin's funeral, also paid a visit to two Jordanian soldiers receiving treatment at Ichilov.

"I would like to say how happy we are to have the opportunity to be with our friends, our partners in building, and laying the foundations for a comprehensive peace in this region," he said at the airport.

Jordanian flags and banners in Hebrew and Arabic welcomed him, along with thousands of Israelis who lined the streets for a glimpse of the royal motorcade.

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Leah Rabin signs the foundation scroll for the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center yesterday, as King Hussein and Prime Minister Shimon Peres look on. (Reuters)

'It's not every day you see a king'

BENNY Naor stood patiently in his telephone equipment store yesterday morning on Rehov Ibn Gvirol as three soldiers searched it thoroughly. It was the third time his shop was checked preceding King Hussein's visit. Smiling, Naor said the searches didn't bother him.

His only worry was that security would be so tight he would not be able to step out of his store when the king's entourage drove by. "How many kings come to Israel, let alone to Tel Aviv? Actually, I think all of the kings and presidents should come here, not just to Jerusalem. They should see a little action!"

Like Naor, the vast majority of Tel Aviv residents took the disruption of Hussein's visit in stride.

Throughout the day, Ibn Gvirol, usually one of the busiest and crowded thoroughfares in the city, was silent and empty. The atmosphere on the street was something between a military occupation and a major holiday.

Pedestrians strolled down the sidewalks

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rather gaily, marveling at the number of soldiers and police lining the street. The security measures around Yitzhak Rabin Square were unprecedented. Never before had residents received notices that there may be sharpshooters on their roofs.

Some local shopkeepers did grumble a bit. Ofer Tovbin, who owns two clothing stores on Ibn Gvirol, shut one of them down for the entire day. "Hey, who's going to compensate us for the money we're not making today?" he demanded. When asked if he would rather the visit didn't take place, he said grudgingly, "Well, if it's just one time, I guess it's OK. For Hussein, I'll put up with it."

Across the street, bakery owner Ida Eisen said she didn't mind the slowdown. "I'm happy Hussein is coming," she said. "Assad should come too! We'll welcome him the same way. Anything, just so there will be peace."

On the other hand, business was booming at the espresso bars that have sprung up along Ibn Gvirol. One store was full of workers from the office tower across the street who wanted to use the excuse of grabbing a coffee to look at the action.

Some took advantage of the slowdown in business to wait for the king to drive by. Carmela Orvay sat at the cosmetics counter of the Shekera in front of a window overlooking the road where Hussein would soon drive by. "I've never seen anything like this," she said. "It's been quiet here all day. But it's worth it. It's not every day you see a king."

In the end, not only Orvay got a good view of the king. As the limousine with the Israeli and Jordanian flags containing Shimon Peres and King Hussein came by, Benny Naor waved at it. A hand waved back at him from the back seat of the car. He couldn't see the face that belonged to the waving hand, but he hoped it was the king's.

Syria announces readiness for 'continuous' peace talks

Christopher arrives to help speed negotiations

AS US Secretary of State Warren Christopher arrived here yesterday for a new round of talks in the region with Israeli and Syrian leaders. Syria said it is ready to engage in "continuous negotiations" until a peace agreement is reached.

The official Syrian newspaper *Al-Baath* said "great hopes" are attached to the Christopher visit. "If there is anything new in the Syrian position, it is readiness for continuous negotiations that would end with results which will give peace what it requires and give the region security," it commented.

"Although there are very serious gaps, I arrive here in a very hopeful frame of mind," Christopher said after two sessions with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres paid tribute to Syrian President Hafez Assad. "Our impression is that President Assad, like us, the government of Israel, and along with our American friends, has decided to make a supreme effort not just to advance the negotiations but also to hasten them," he said. "We know that the months before us are not many. Israeli elections are scheduled in October and that is when our mandate expires."

Negotiations have now reached the point where the two sides can see the trade-offs necessary for a settlement, Christopher said on his way from Washington. "We've come to a critical point in the negotiations where we need to coalesce on some of the main issues," he said. "We need to bring them together and to move forward at an intensified pace."

On Friday, Christopher meets with Assad in Damascus, hoping to get a response to proposals

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Israeli negotiators made in talks that recessed last Friday.

Christopher said he is looking for the "best next step" to reach a peace settlement, after more than four years of on-and-off peace negotiations. Over the weekend, he will meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, focusing on the elections scheduled for January 20 for a legislature.

Israeli-Syrian negotiations are expected to resume at the Wye conference center in Maryland on January 22. Christopher would like the two sides to send their foreign ministers to the talks.

"All the issues are on the table and it is possible for the parties now to see the trade-offs," Christopher said.

Thomas O'Dwyer adds:

Turkey yesterday urged Syria to take effective measures against

terrorism and to move forward in the peace process.

"Syria simply cannot survive by continuing to have problems with all its neighbors," Deputy Foreign Minister Onur Oymen said in an interview.

"We must all strive for a Middle East free of violence and totalitarianism," Oymen said. "I urge Syria to take more effective measures against terrorism. Its contribution will be more valuable if it is free of the stigma of supporting terrorism. It's time for the Syrians to take their full place in the community of nations in this region."

Oymen said he was in Israel for high-level political consultations and to offer Turkey's full support for the peace process. "I want to exchange some views on how we can best cope with the problems and reach a fully comprehensive peace," he said.

Ministry: Bezeq extorting public with unapproved beeper service

THE Communications Ministry yesterday described as "extortion" the offering of a new "calling party pays" (CPP) paging service by Bezeq and four private beeper companies without receiving official ministry authorization.

Ministry Director-General Shlomo Waxe learned from *The Jerusalem Post* that the "experimental" service began in mid-November and that callers to the 058 service pay four to six phone units when they leave or collect messages via a public telephone.

Waxe will meet with the heads of all the paging companies - Beeper, Iturit, Beep-a-Call, and Shiduril - today to impress upon

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them that they have violated regulations and introduced a service without ministry permission. The ministry will then decide what to do regarding CPP service.

In an effort to attract more customers in the face of the growing number of cellular phones, the paging companies decided to sell their paging devices for a low price - about NIS 450 - and to forgo the monthly service charge. According to the companies' plans, anyone who wants to leave a message will - when the service becomes permanent - be charged four to six phone message units, as will be subscribers who collect their messages. The paging companies asked Bezeq to provide the infrastructure.

Thousands of people have already purchased the "cheap" beepers. Beeper managing director Ze'ev Aharonson said that his company has already signed up 3,000 subscribers. Some companies have printed business cards that instruct customers to call the 058 number, but do not explain the extra charges.

It was agreed that, during the experiment, callers from private phone lines would not have to pay more than one phone unit; their phone bill would be debited four to six units for each call to a 058 number, but the money would be credited to their account in the same bill. However, Bezeq told the paging companies that technically, it could not return the extra charges to those using public telephones.

D.Z., a photographer who purchased a Beeper company pager

for NIS 465, complained that she was not told the service was experimental, but she was told she and those who paged her would have to pay three phone units for contacting the 058 number.

"It turned out that the charge is six units. In addition, I live in a Jerusalem neighborhood with no digital phone services. I wasn't asked when I signed up with Beeper, and didn't know that subscribers connected to an analog exchange have no access to 058. Thus, to collect my voice mail, I have to call the number from a pay phone and pay six units each time," she said.

Aharonson maintained that only recently did his company become aware of the fact that public phone users would be charged extra phone units for calling 058.

A Bezeq spokesman said it had asked the paging companies to tell subscribers that they should not call 058 lines via a public phone. "We also informed the ministry that we were starting this technical experiment. We received no comment, so we went ahead," he said.

However, Communications Ministry spokeswoman Tal Sofer said that while the application may have been received, "Bezeq did not meet our criteria and the experimental service was not approved."

CCP services cannot be launched until they are approved by the Knesset Finance Committee and the ministry, which will insist on a major information campaign informing the general public of the extra charges they involve, she said.

Cabinet to vote on Ayalon appointment

ON LEVY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres will on Sunday ask the cabinet to approve the appointment of former OC Navy Adm. (res.) Ami Ayalon as the next chief of the General Security Service.

It is believed the appointment will be approved only after the government makes a formal announcement that Ayalon is its candidate for the post.

If his appointment is approved, Ayalon is expected to begin taking over soon while working alongside outgoing head "K," who said he would work with Ayalon as long as needed.

On Tuesday morning, Peres asked Ayalon to take the post and later in the day, Ayalon agreed.

The security establishment has welcomed Ayalon's appointment. "Ayalon is the right man at the right time," said a security source.

Ayalon, 51, will be the first GSS head who is not from the GSS establishment.

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Chechens free 3,000 hostages

KIZLYAR, Russia (Reuters) - Chechen guerrillas freed about 3,000 hostages at a hospital in Dagestan yesterday but threatened to shoot dozens of others if their convoy of getaway buses was prevented from reaching neighboring Chechnya.

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King Hussein strolls down a red carpet, flanked by Prime Minister Shimon Peres (right) and Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, after landing at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport yesterday.

Israel rolls out the red carpet for King Hussein

JORDAN and Israel yesterday reaffirmed the need for a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East as King Hussein paid a brief visit here.

At 2:20 p.m. two Royal Jordanian Air Force helicopters touched down at the end of the runway at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport under heavy security, while two patrol boats kept guard off shore.

Hussein descended from the cockpit and was greeted by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, and a long line of dignitaries, as an IDF band sounded a fanfare.

The two anthems were played and four F-15s flew past as Hussein inspected an honor guard. "I cannot remember a time that Israel awaited a visitor with such warm anticipation as it has for you, your majesty," Peres told Hussein.

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"Your personality and nobility have enabled all walks of life in our country to unite in a profound national welcome and feel the warmth of the peace you represent so greatly and convincingly."

Hussein expressed the hope that the entire region would experience "the dawn of peace ... for all the children of Abraham."

A near diplomatic faux pas was avoided when the driver of the royal limousine, Menahem Daumi, succeeded at the last minute in switching around the Jordanian flag which had been hung upside down at the airport.

From the airport, the motorcade made its way to Ichilov Hospital (see separate story) and later through the streets of Tel Aviv to the Defense Ministry. The wail of police sirens and

cheering and clapping from scores of soldiers who had squeezed their way to the building windows to catch a glimpse of the king in the dusk greeted the monarch as he arrived there.

Hussein and Peres, accompanied by Jordanian Premier Sharif Zaid Bin Shaker and several other Jordanian cabinet ministers, as well as Foreign Minister Ehad Barak and Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, then held consultations inside the ministry.

Also present were Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Saviv, Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, and former aide to Yitzhak Rabin Eitan Haber.

Following their press conference, the two leaders departed for the airport where they flew to the Kinneret.

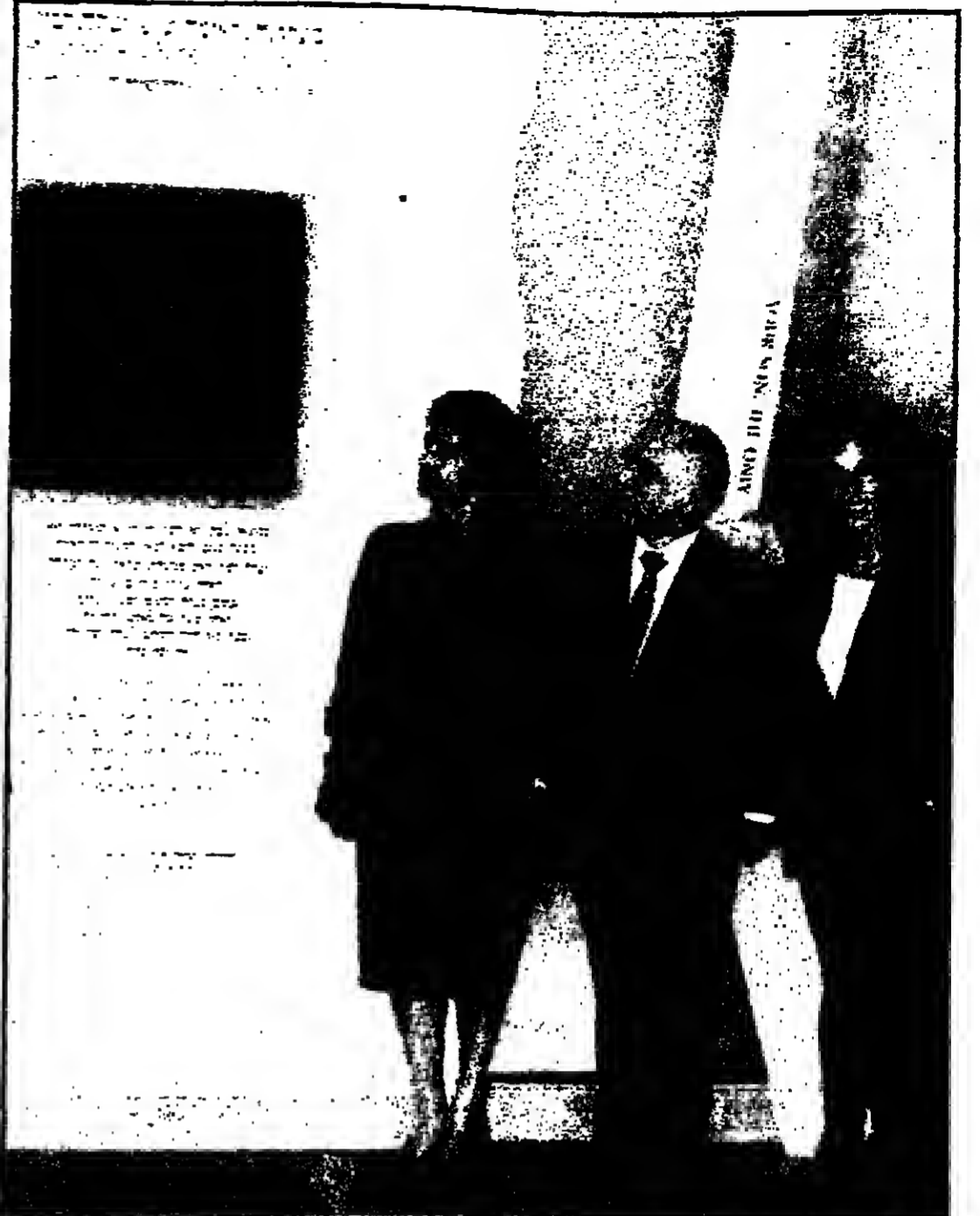
in a way the first visit of the monarch to the Defense Ministry, which is now becoming really a peace ministry."

He added: "We hope that all 20 Arab heads of state will [one day] meet with us to bring real peace to the region."

Asked when this would be, Peres said that it would take place "before the end of this century."

In reply to a question, Hussein said his country had normalized its relations with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States and expressed the hope that ties with Kuwait would be restored to the level prior to the Gulf War.

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Leah Rabin and King Hussein admire a plaque by artist Aliza Sheinzon (right) at the dedication of the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Riot squads relax after trying day

TEL AVIV's riot squad officers - just some of the 3,500 policemen drafted in the city yesterday to safeguard King Hussein's visit - breathed huge sighs of relief outside Ichilov Hospital as the king's motorcade sped back to Sde Dov Airport from the Defense Ministry yesterday.

"Phew, thank God for that," said one officer. "Our bosses have driven us mad for the last week with these arrangements. I can't tell you how pleased I am it all passed peacefully."

By around 7 p.m., a city whose northern and central areas had been completely cordoned off since around 1 p.m. opened up again, with police opening hundreds of roadblocks around the city.

Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said that warnings to the public to stay away from the city had paid off. "People took notice of the media and refrained from reaching the city center," said Hefetz.

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From the morning Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, Hefetz, and Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last inspected the preparations. While examining security at Ichilov Hospital some two hours before the king's arrival, a little old lady walked in with them, through the phalanx of GSS and police officers, apparently unaware of what was going on.

Anyone else invited to King Hussein's visit to Ichilov was subjected to stringent security checks. But contrary to previous events and rallies when police, GSS men, and private security companies were seen to overreact for fear of attacks, this time examinations were carried out in an orderly, polite fashion. There were no long queues or raucous arguments, and invitees' entrance to the heavily guarded hospital was quick and efficient. Already on Tuesday night po-

lice helicopters could be heard hovering above in preparation for the event. By 7 a.m. cars, mopeds and even bicycles were towed away from main streets. Police were not taking any chances, especially in view of warnings of terror attacks after the killing of Yihye Ayyash.

They needn't have worried. At 12:30 p.m., Derech Hashalom - usually clogged with traffic on the way to the city center and the Kirya - was practically empty. "It's like Yom Kippur," said one police officer. "No traffic, no cars, no people on the streets. Maybe King Hussein should visit every day," he quipped.

Apparently instead of going to work, many chose to stay at home in front of the TV sets rather than brave potential traffic jams and police roadblocks.

"No incidents were reported," Last said, "apart from a report of a suspicious package on Ibn Gvrol street which turned out to be a false alarm."

Security turns Ichilov into fortress

TEL AVIV's Ichilov Hospital was turned into a fortress yesterday in preparation for King Hussein's inauguration of the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center.

The event was held in a huge tent, with hundreds of personalities, MKs, and leading businessmen in attendance.

The security was stringent, with massive numbers of policemen and GSS agents peeping from every corner, corridor, and rooftop.

Leah Rabin, her son, Yuval, and daughter, Dalia Filsof, were guests of honor at the affair.

From a stage decorated with thousands of red and white carnations and a huge picture of Rabin, chosen by his widow because it expressed his "strength," Hussein, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Leah Rabin, hospital director-general Prof. Gabi Barbash, and others delivered their speeches, which were more personal than official.

The hospital choir - consisting of doctors, nurses, and paramedics - sang two songs written by Yair Rosenblum, who also wrote "Song of Peace," sung by Rabin only a few minutes before he was murdered. Two children named Yarden, both born at the hospital, presented Hussein with bouquets.

Referring to Leah Rabin as his "sister and friend," Hussein thanked the Israeli authorities and the hospital for their hospitality on his first "official visit to this city, which I only saw previously from the air."

"I remember my first conversation with Yitzhak Rabin when I flew over this city," he said. "Memories of that conversation will remain with me for the rest of my life."

"Immediately when I arrived, I felt at home and among friends here ... Leah Rabin and her family and Prime Minister Peres, who is trying to continue in the same courageous way the beginning of a comprehensive peace in this region."

"Hatred and anger are easier than turning destruction into construction, from war to peace. I honored Rabin as a friend, as he did me, regardless of differences, there was always mutual respect between us."

Leah Rabin said it was difficult for her and her children to visit the hospital in which her husband died. "Nine long weeks have passed

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since the rally," she said; her voice trembling at times. "I thought: 'Will thousands really turn up at a rally for peace - those who cursed and condemned?'"

"But the site was so glorious and overwhelming, as hundreds of thousands came to show their

support for peace. After the rally scores of people said to me, 'Take good care of him, Leah.' Two minutes later I heard the gunshots, Yitzhak fell on the floor and never got up again. Maybe I didn't take good enough care of him?"

She described the country's youth who lit candles, wrote poems and songs, and filled the streets in front of her home following the murder.

"Now hospitals, streets, squares, highways have been named after Yitzhak. I know how much this would have meant to him if he could see this ceremony."

She thanked the doctors who treated him on the night he was murdered. "I know you did everything you could," she said.

Hussein, Peres, and Rabin then signed a dedication scroll, using the same pen used by the late prime minister and Hussein at the peace treaty signing, before inaugurating the trauma center.

"Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was rushed here after being shot by a villain at the end of a rally in support of the peace process," read the inscription on the sculpture at the entrance.

"After an hour of intensive resuscitation efforts, Rabin, soldier of peace, passed away."

Wounded Jordanian soldier moved by visit

JORDANIAN Air Force pilot Capt. Muhammad Atout, wounded in a training exercise last August near Amman, was moved to tears yesterday as he opened the gifts he received during the visit by King Hussein and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Atout, 27, undergoing treatment in Ichilov's neurosurgical department after being transferred from Amman in December, said he would even keep the wrappings of the books given by Hussein and a watch inscribed "Go safely" from Peres.

Atout, who suffers partial paralysis from a spinal injury, said he feels much better since being treated at Ichilov under the care of Dr. Shimon Ruchkind.

Ruchkind is also treating another Jordanian soldier, Sgt. Nabil Umir, wounded in Bosnia when his tank was bombed, who was also visited yesterday by Hussein.

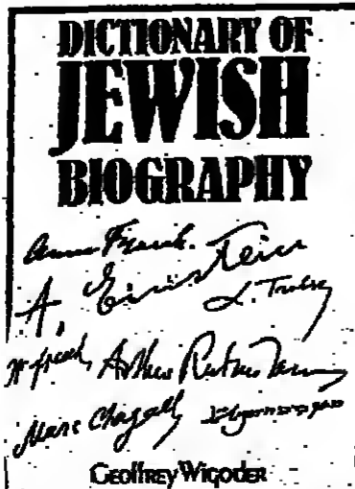
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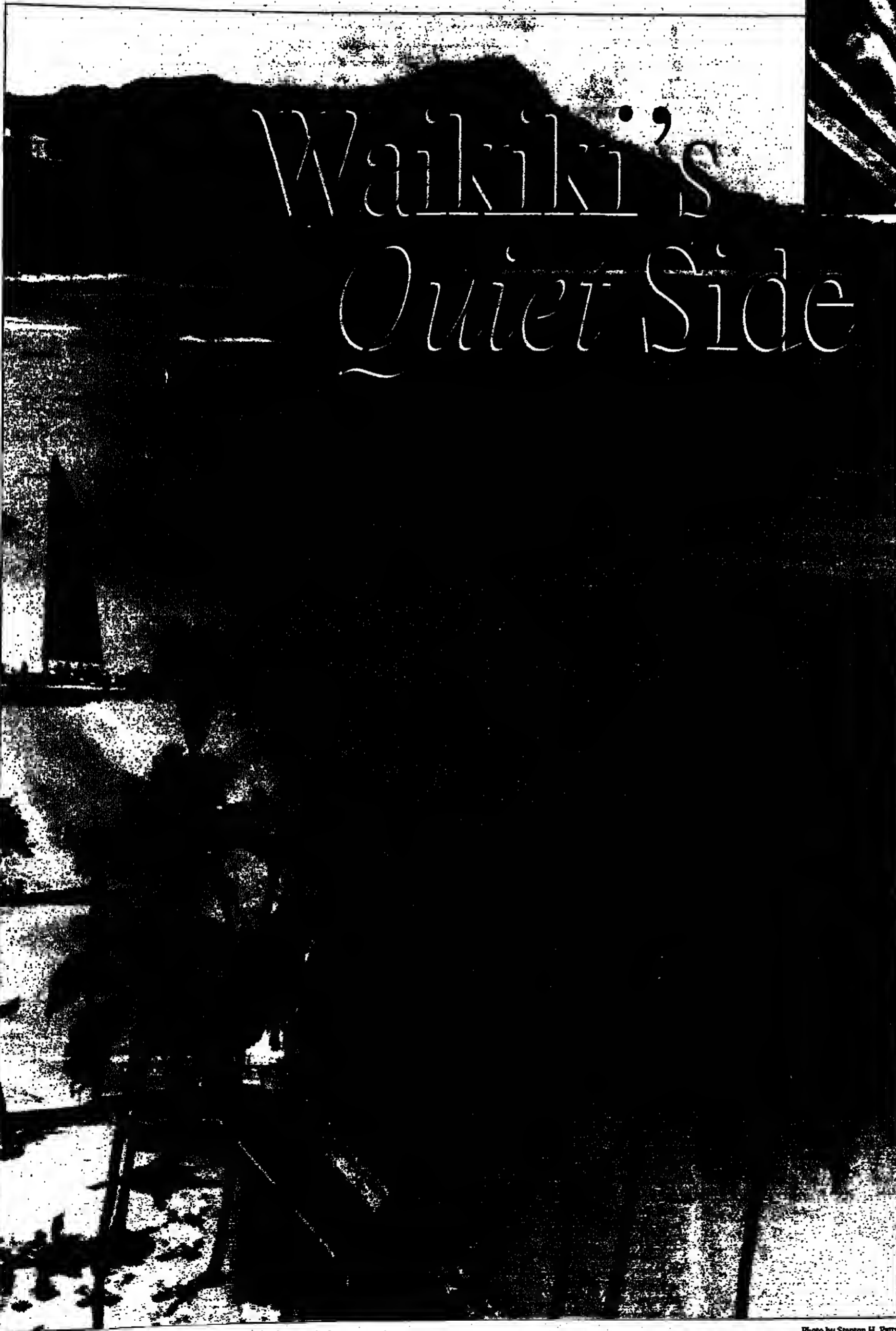
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Honolulu—Guests were kneeling on straw mats in the Japanese tea room. The hostess, wrapped in a rose kimono, bowed with slow-motion grace.

Outside, just beyond the shoji screen that framed the room, splashes of sunshine gilded a gravel path and a simple stone lamp.

The setting could have been a garden in Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. But this is Waikiki—right in the heart of Honolulu's fun-in-the-sun zone, just a block from Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki's main drag.

The tea house is just one stop on a do-it-yourself circuit that reveals the quiet side of Waikiki. There are surprises along the way.

Leave your traveler's checks behind. There is no charge for this tour.

The tea ceremonies are presented Wednesdays and Fridays at the Urasenke Foundation of Hawaii, 245 Saratoga Road.

The Kyoto-based foundation is carrying on a tradition dating to the 16th century. "We want people to know more about Japanese culture," says Yoshiyumi Ogawa, a Urasenke instructor. Ogawa also teaches history at the University of Hawaii's Manoa campus.

It is an elegant and intricate ceremony, orchestrated by long-ago tea masters... A measured amount of powdered green tea is placed in a bowl. Hot water is ladled from a charcoal brazier. The tea is blended with a bamboo whisk. More blending, and then the bowl is offered to the first guest. The ceremony is repeated, step by step, until all have been served.

"It appears as though nothing extraordinary has happened," Ogawa says. "But guests have shared an experience, a oneness."

Travelers are told that the ritual is based on four principles: harmony, respect, tranquility and purity.

"Waikiki may not be a great place to find purity," Ogawa says with a smile. "But here, at least, is tranquility."

There is another haven of calm about four blocks to the east, on the second floor of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. It is the personal museum of Malia Solomon, Waikiki's "Auntie Malia."

Here is Mrs. Solomon's collection of Hawaiian quilts, tapa (bark cloth) and Polynesian artifacts gathered during a busy lifetime. She calls it her "sharing place."

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Above: A catamaran boards passengers for a sailing trip. The familiar shape of Diamond Head is in the background.

Top right: Lush plant life thrives in Hawaii's climate.

Right: Glen Grant, historical walking tour guide, tells visitors how "On the Beach at Waikiki" and other island melodies of the 1930s help attract visitors to Hawaii.



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FYI Travel

SCANDINAVIAN WEEKENDS

A quick weekend wintertime jaunt to Scandinavia might be just the thing you need. SAS Viking Vacations and The Kemwel Group are offering special two-night weekend packages priced from \$439 per person, including round-trip air fare from New York or Chicago, accommodations and daily breakfast.

The package is available through March 14, 1996, and takes vacationers to Copenhagen, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; or Oslo, Norway. Kemwel's other winter getaways include fly/drive programs to Europe's capitals and side holidays. In the spring, Kemwel will offer special discounts on barge cruises on the canals of England and France.

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Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, Colorado, is a not-for-profit archaeological research and educational organization.

In addition to programs for educators and families, the center offers a series of weeklong "Cultural Explorations" throughout the year. Priced from \$995 per person, these programs cover a variety of topics, from Native American cuisine, pottery workshops, women's studies, astronomy, cultural studies, archaeological explorations, hiking trips and more.

Some Cultural Explorations are based at the center; others visit other destinations in the Southwest and Mexico. All are accompanied by scholars associated with Crow Canyon.

FYI: Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, 23390 Country Road K, Cortez, Colorado 81321; (800) 422-8975.

RED SEA CRUISES

Fares for Royal Olympic Cruises' winter Red Sea itineraries start at \$899 per person, and departures are scheduled weekly through March

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TRAVEL TIDBITS

When it comes to seat preferences and other special requests from airlines, the gate agent can be a traveler's best friend. According to Frequent Flyer magazine, gate agents are empowered to:

Upgrade flyers free of charge to settle complaints or reward valued customers.

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It pays to be pleasant to these people because, as Frequent Flyer notes, "gate agents routinely make the kinds of decisions that affect both your comfort and your wallet." Moreover, "the current industry trend is to empower these workers even more."

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Waikiki From page 1

Visitors are invited to drop by and "talk story" with Auntie Malia.

The self-taught anthropologist is credited with restoring the long-lost art of tapa-making to Hawaii after roaming the South Pacific on her own to gather clues. In 1988, the Hawaii Legislature proclaimed Auntie Malia a "keeper of the aloha spirit."

Auntie Malia says she could retire, but has no plans to do so.

"Why should I?" she asks. "I love every day. I love everybody."

Waikiki hotels and other businesses, concerned about the fading of aloha-style hospitality in recent years, are sponsoring several fresh cultural attractions for visitors.

Travelers are told that the ritual is based on four principles: harmony, respect, tranquility and purity.

Already drawing crowds is a new torchlighting ceremony in Kuloa Beach Park, close by several of Waikiki's luxury hotels. Starting time is dusk. On weekends there are hula programs to accompany the traditional lighting of the torches.

Again, no admission charge.

"Yes, maybe we did lose some of the aloha spirit for awhile," says Auntie Malia. "Maybe people got too busy with themselves and forget that tourism is a business of service. But things are getting better now."

Auntie Malia also can tell you about her friend, the last Duke Kahanamoku. Duke, winner of Olympic gold medals for swimming in 1912 and 1920, grew up along Waikiki Beach, he was Waikiki's first beach boy, the "father" of the sport of surfing.

"He was the essence of humility," Auntie Malia says of the legendary athlete.

Duke's 16-foot-long, 114-pound Waikiki surfboard—a jumbo-alongside today's lightweight models—is on display at Duke's Canoe Club, a restaurant in the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel.

"He was a great guy, man," says Dominic Galaza, one of today's beach boys. "Hey, we all respect Duke



Photo by Stanton H. Pary

Junko Mori presides at a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the Urasono Foundation of Hawaii.

and what he did."

There is a new statue of the Duke of Waikiki (1890-1968) on Kuloa Beach. Most days it is draped with floral leis placed by locals and visitors.

It's easy to lose the crowd in Waikiki.

Just walk easterly along Kalakaua Avenue—toward the familiar shape of Diamond Head. Soon tall buildings and noisy streets are left behind.

Ahead is more of the "other" Waikiki, a quiet zone of uncrowded beaches and parks.

Just beyond the intersection of Kalakaua and Kapahulu avenues are Kapiolani Park and the Honolulu Zoo. Local families are spreading picnics

and dozing on the grass. Kites fly like falcons on a trade-wind breeze. Bird songs and surf sounds mute the blare of distant traffic.

There are many stretches of sand across from the park, nothing like the scene down by the fancy hotels, where oiled and fast-tanning vacationers are anchored almost shoulder to shoulder on beach mats and towels.

A sign here reads: "Aloha. The beach is for passive enjoyment. Please, no loud music. Surf's up!"

Walk out on Queen's Surf pier at the foot of Kapahulu and watch youngsters catch the waves. There are flashy victory rides, and there are tumbling crashes. Well, Duke started this way, too.

There's still time for a late-afternoon stroll with Glen Grant of Honolulu Time Walks.

Grant gathers travelers at the Duke Kahanamoku statue for wailing tours that recall the time when Waikiki

was the playground of Hawaii's royalty. He spins tales of tragedy and bliss, of murders and merriment, in old Waikiki.

Once upon a time the descendants of the alii, the royal families, offered to donate the Waikiki area to the city for a park. No, says Grant, the city fathers responded this way: "We don't need another park."

And that's how most of Waikiki fell into the hands of the rich and famous.

But that's another story.

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DEPTH PERCEPTIONS UNDERWATER IN BELIZE

By Martin A. Bartels

In this world, the sounds are as alien as the sights. Slow, even breaths are magnified, calling to mind images of the Darth Vader character in "Star Wars." With each exhalation, a spill of bubbles rushes to the surface, a constant reminder of just how much water surrounds you.

Here, shadows take on an almost mystical significance: sea anemone and coral sway in a deceptively gentle underwater dance. Brain coral bears a distinctly alien appearance—fire coral can be deadly. Large rays float beneath your feet, moving like sentient waves. Strange disks dart through your peripheral vision—a school of grouper on an apparently random outing.

Long, submarine-shaped barracuda search for prey, demanding the respect of distance with an intimidating glint to their eye. An occasional shark patiently floats through his territory—as the lion is to the jungle, the shark is to this lush environment.

Sudden bursts of color dot the ethereal landscape: queen angelfish, yellow snapper, butterfly fish and fairy basslets are one of the most attractive aspects of scuba diving and snorkeling off the coast of Belize.

Central America

Several islands offer excellent locales from which to base your expedition. Ambergris Caye (pronounced "key") is probably the most comfortable, though somewhat more populated than the other islands, such as Caye Caulker and Northern Caye.

The second largest coral reef in the world stretches for miles off the beaches of Ambergris Caye, protecting the shallow bay area which is filled with the warm turquoise that define the finest tropical destinations.

Diving here is an extreme challenge...It is, in effect, a vertical tunnel reaching 415 feet below the surface.

Along the reef, snorkeling is the most popular activity, with dives allowed in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve. Any of the local fisherman at the island's docks will take you to the Reserve at affordable prices. The waters inside the reef are virtually always calm, making the boat ride gentle even for the most

water-wary.

In daylight, the views are breathtaking. Colorful fish and coral transport you to a world outside any you've ever experienced.

A unique twist on diving and snorkeling, however, is night diving. The water remains warm throughout the year, so comfort is virtually never an issue. Enthusiasts hold waterproof flashlights as they drift through the vital atmosphere. Only what falls within the narrow beam of light is visible—the surrounding environment is pitch black.

On one night snorkeling trip, a school of small grouper surrounded me, almost as if I had been accepted into their fold. To be honest, it is somewhat disconcerting as the fish occasionally brush against you, or cautiously nip at your skin (it is painless), but then, as quickly as they appeared, they are gone, silently.

For the diving enthusiast, however, there are greater challenges and rewards well off the islands. The Blue Hole, situated about halfway between Half Moon Caye and Northern Caye (about two hours off the mainland coast), is a glimpse into prehistory, formed through the past 15,000 years.

Diving here is an extreme challenge. From the air, the Hole appears to be a perfect blue circle in the middle of the green waters of the Caribbean. It is, in

effect, a vertical tunnel reaching 415 feet below the surface.

Mike Marsten, who sails to various ports of the world six months out of each year, returns to the Blue Hole regularly. This is his eighth visit.

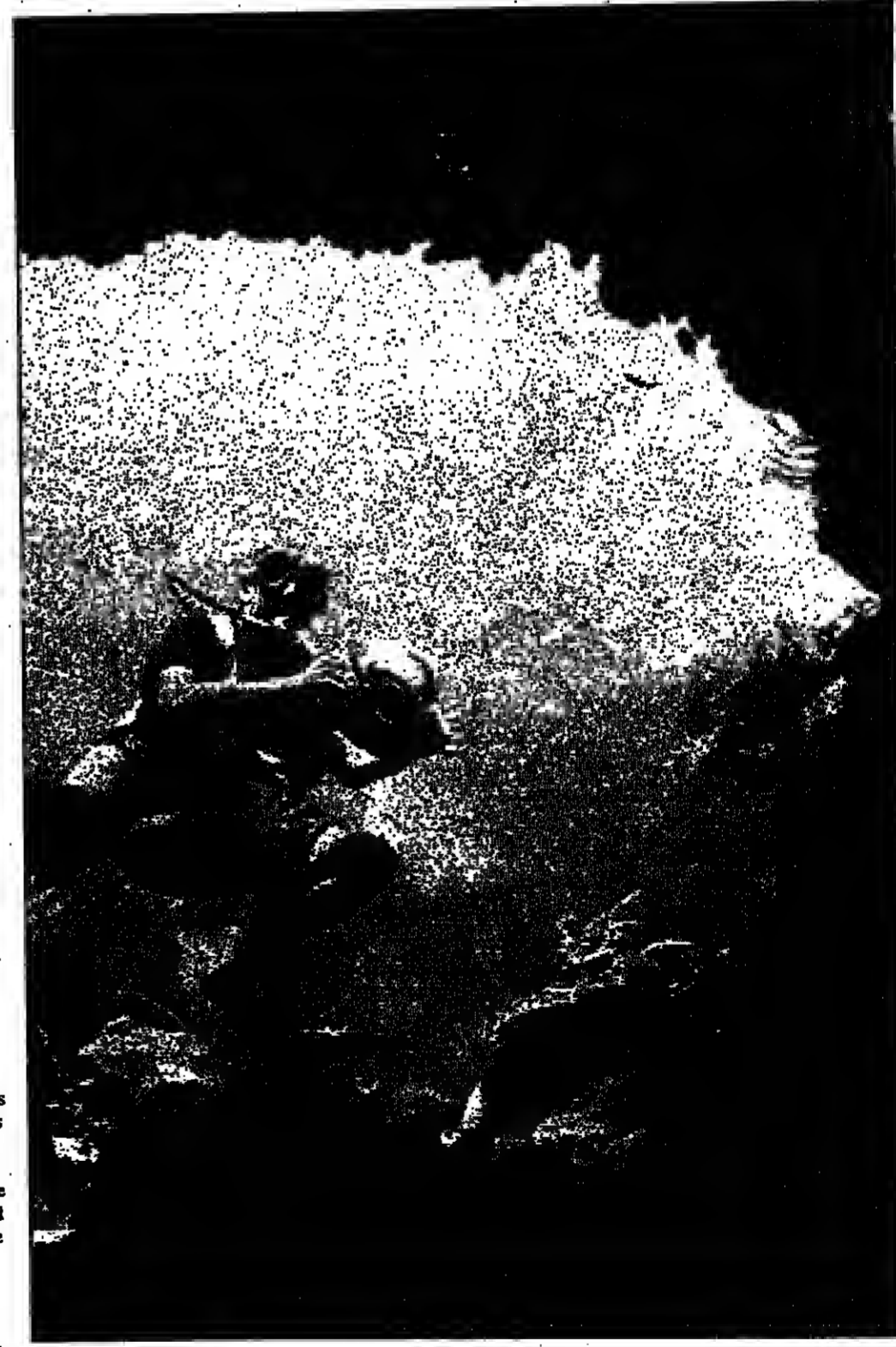
"It can be kind of hit and miss here, as far as wildlife," he said. "To see the stalagmite and stalactite formations, you have to dive to about 130 feet you have to decompress. Below about 60 feet, there's almost never any sea life.

"But it's an awesome experience. Where the Hole widens, about 40 feet down, the coral starts to hang over your head. You can watch your bubbles bounce through the wall to the surface."

Sharks and grouper are the most common fish here, though they are not always seen.

"Most people dive for the stalagmites," Marsten said. "They're huge. Twice as big around as a person, and at least twice as tall.

"Ready to fly low?" Flying low, a common diver expression, only partially



A cavernous view evokes a feeling of mystery.

describes the emotional, physical and psychological feel of an advanced open water dive. In the Blue Hole, these feelings are magnified, almost as if they rebound off the vertical cliffs and darkened waters. At about 90 feet, the temperature dips almost 10 degrees, adding a physical, as well as emotional, chill.

The beauty is entrancing. The views almost make one forget the survival needs—a very dangerous element of the experience. Even with advanced gear, an hour or so is all your body is capable of handling at these depths. Every piece of knowledge learned in diving courses is necessary in this environment.

Our slow rise to the surface was rewarded with the first major wildlife we witnessed. Several sharks floated above us, oblivious to our presence. On closer

inspection, too, small life forms clung to the wall of coral.

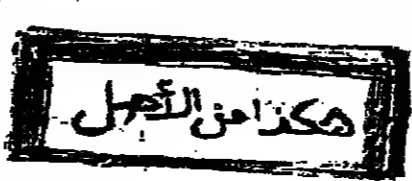
From Ambergris Caye, dive expeditions are easily purchased for about \$125 U.S. (\$250 Belize-equivalent) dollars. Accommodations on the islands range from minimalist to indulgent, but expect always to move at the Belize pace typified by a sign on Caye Caulker, on which golf carts are the only form of motorized transportation: "Go Slow."

And fly low.

Martin A. Bartels is a syndicated freelance writer and water enthusiast who has traveled extensively throughout Belize and Central America.



Dolphins dance close to the surface.



Exploring Wildlife on the

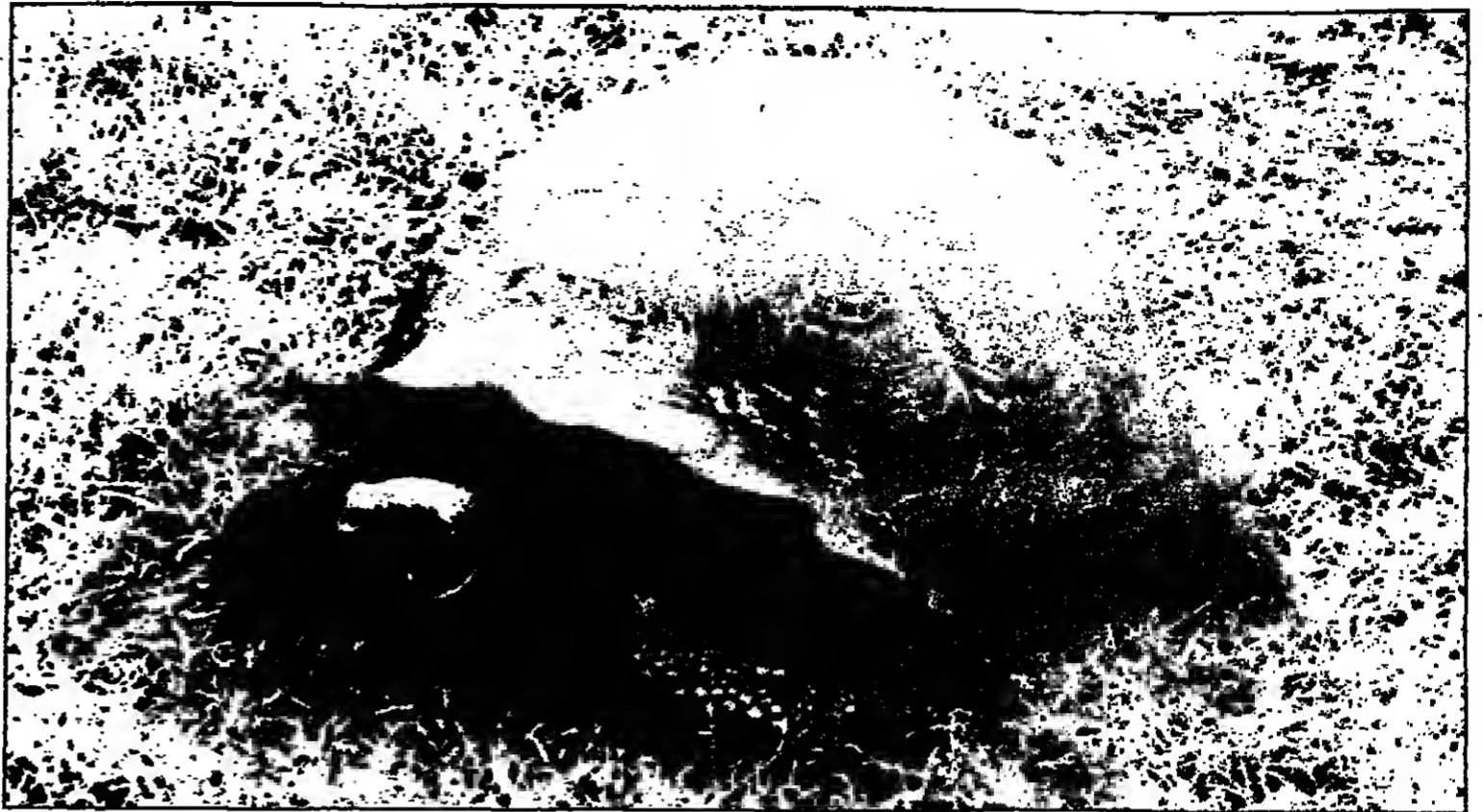


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Galapagos Islands

Top: A Galapagos tortoise on Santa Cruz Island migrates wild and free through the Highlands.
Left: An arc of water is sprayed by this partially submerged whale's tail.
Bottom: Homo sapiens take a hiking expedition in Galapagos.

By Judith Morgan

Copley News Service

What is it like to view wildlife in the rugged Galapagos Islands, strung along the equator 600 miles west of Ecuador?

It's not like Africa, where thundering herds run free. It's not like Antarctica, where a single icy slope may hold half a million penguins.

Numbers aren't the point in the Galapagos; specialization is. The air of a biological field station blows over this strange, volcanic archipelago, which is home to animals and plants found nowhere else on earth.

Most rewarding, especially for photographers, are the opportunities for eyeball-to-eyeball observation of a menagerie that includes masked boobies, lava gulls, Darwin's finches (13 species, all with distinctive beaks), waved albatrosses, iguanas (both land and marine) and loling sea lions. These creatures exhibit no fear of humans and can even seem bored by the two-legged, camera-faced voyagers who trudge past their nests and beaches.

Close encounters are frequent. As we deplaned near the breezy terminal on the Galapagos Island of Baltra, I saw a dark scrap of rubber on the runway, one that might have peeled from the jet's tires on landing. I considered kicking it aside—until it turned a glinting eye in my direction.

It was a marine iguana in its molting phase, an unpretty, but loyal individual that hangs out at the airport as a one-lizard welcoming committee for Galapagos National Park.

In these wild islands, 600 miles west of mainland Ecuador, the habits of rare birds and reptiles have been well documented since Charles Darwin's historic voyage in 1835.

But what of the intrepid humans who visit the Galapagos? What is a traveler's routine?

To my surprise there turns out to be a somewhat predictable pattern to a Galapagos trip, determined partly by park regulations, partly by weather and part-

ly by the speed of your boat and the distances that must be covered between islands.

Days start with breakfast on board, followed by a trip ashore in a small boat called a panga and a morning hike to visit birds or giant tortoises, lava flows or sea lion beaches. After lunch, a midday sail repositions your craft for an afternoon expedition on another island.

Within this Galapagos framework, however, there is the magic of discovery: coming upon the comical, slow-motion mating dance of blue-footed boobies or the bursting yellow blooms of the daisy trees called scalesia, seeing dolphins leap against a silvery moon or a fiery sunset.

One bright afternoon I was snorkeling near the upthrust arrowhead of Pinnacle Rock on Bartolome Island, admiring schools of grunts and parrot fish, when a tiny Galapagos penguin shot through the water like a pudgy bullet and hopped up on a wave-lashed ledge from which, I swear, he smiled.

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My trip was in September—the dry season—with sunny days of 27 C and nights around 15 C. The ocean temperature was just above 21 C. (Between January and May the sea is noticeably warmer and the days more tropical.)

Since 1959, when 97 percent of the land was declared Galapagos National Park, regulations protect this natural domain. The numbers of visitors are restricted, as are the numbers of boats calling on any one island. No wonder the birds and reptiles feel eminently at home, napping beside the foot trails, preening for cameras.

Sixty of the islands and islets are named, yet no

two are exactly alike in appearance or inhabitants. What thrives on one island may not exist on its neighbor, just five miles away. Humans are found on only five islands; of a total population of 10,000, half live in the laid-back town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz. The largest island—Isabella—is 75 miles long and encompasses more than half of the land area of the archipelago, which stretches 250 miles from north to south. The smallest may be little more than a pile of rocks.

Some islands are home to the giant, lumbering land tortoises called Galapagos—the world's largest; more are not. A few are known for their penguins (second smallest after the Fairy penguins of Australia) or their colonies of red-footed boobies. Others are famed for the pewter sheen of lava fields laid down in 19th century eruptions, or bizarre forests of 20-foot-tall cactus trees called opuntia.

Because of the varied offerings—I learned a little late in the game—it's important to enjoy what you see when you see it; it may not crop up again.

Within 30 minutes of landing at the airport on Baltra Island, we were enjoying lunch on our boat, an eight-passenger, 85-foot motor yacht. We had made our first wet and scrambling landing from a rubber craft called a panga, and were hiking on the uplifted, table-top island of North Seymour, a birders' paradise where magnificent frigates were nesting amid a thicket of smoke-gray palo santo trees.

It was the mating season for land tortoises—a ritual, our guide, Cindy, explained, that starts out as ladies' choice. Each male arranges sticks on the ground, indicating what he considers a good nesting site, and then inflates the red balloonlike pouch at his throat.

Hunkered on the ground within 20 feet of our trail, the males were tilting their heads skyward, the sun striking their gaudy pouches. Females circled overhead, eyeing the candidates for the reddest and fullest pouch—a clue to health and fitness—and for their promise as nest-builders.

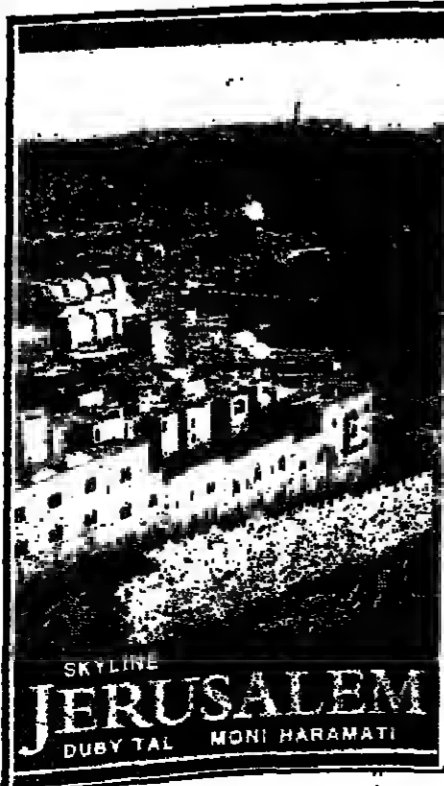
Whether unimpressed, indecisive or reluctant, the females were still circling when we walked on. This was the largest colony of frigates in the Galapagos; we would not see that scene again.

On the second morning, we came ashore at Puerto

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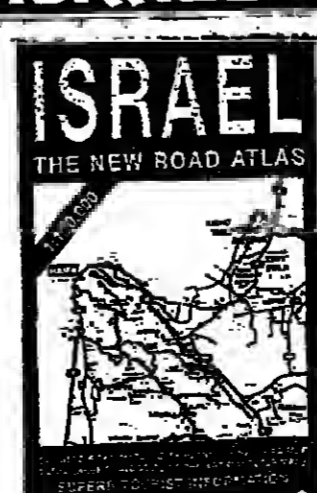
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WINDSWEPT IN BERMUDA

By Nancy Scott Anderson

Copley News Service

It is the wind—more than the pink beaches or blue sea or the green golf courses or even the white roofs—that gives Bermuda its character.

I reached this conclusion the third morning the awning outside my hotel room drummed me awake. Outside, I saw that small swells still disturbed the translucent Great Sound, that the huge cruise ship was still tied up at the West End Dockyard out of fear of being blown against the coral reefs. Sailboats rocking like upside-down pendulums, their mast stays singing, stayed snuggled in their moorings.

Strangely, when the wind is up, Bermuda itself seems like a boat aground, sails set, straining to be off, but held fast by what she has become: busy, prosperous, absorbed, an environment at odds with itself.

It is by nature a wild place, its untended cliffs and beachfront parks hinting at the wind-carved desolation that it was when the British blundered ashore from their wrecked ship in the early 17th century.

Now, it is intensely civilized. On what was once an uninhabited volcanic outcropping some 600 miles off the North Carolina coast, 60,000 people live, closely pressed by the exigencies of life there. Some 8,000 foreign companies, drawn by no income or corporate tax, have registered themselves "offshore" in Bermuda.

Each year 600,000 vacationers spend time on the 22-square-mile island. Much of its land has gone to clubs and resorts—islands within an island—and been placed at the disposal of the visitors who constitute the country's largest source of income.

It's easy to suppose that were it not for the wind, Bermuda would be a different place. The representatives of the Jamestown investors who blew ashore stamped it irreversibly British, different from the French or Spanish flair of the Caribbean. Bermuda's odd colonial blend of tweedy rigor and tropical languor has, for generations, made it the preferred destination of careful American travelers.

But like the Bermuda shorts that trickled down from American country clubs, flowered and showed up at interstate truck stops, the Bermuda vacation has become democratized. It is still possible to isolate oneself in full-service pricey resorts, and the private clubs—introductions from members necessary—are often booked up, but current accommodations fit many purses. And the island's emphasis on tourism—perhaps most Bermudians support themselves that way—makes for nearly seamless visits.

From St. George in the east to Somerset in the west, Bermuda lays itself out like a subtropical bazaar ready for browsing, savoring, buying. It is profoundly tidy, well organized and apparently uniformly committed to making tourists happy.

Which is not that hard. Bermuda is a legendary romance encapsulated by a sea that is, at once, aquamarine, cerulean, indigo, azure, sapphire and turquoise. And so clear you can see right down to the bottom, where still-soft coral sways in the swells.

Experiencing the water is easy. Splashing about is free, and there are many agencies to rent gear for scuba diving and snorkeling or seats on deep-sea fishing boats. Sailing—many visitors arrive on their own boats—is a national passion, and there are dozens of weekend regattas in addition to the famous international races. But combing pink-sand beaches or simply sitting on them and watching the wind beat big cumulus

Hamilton, the capitol, looks a little like an Un-Easy New Orleans. It is small, but seems bigger in part because of the cruise ships that tie up there. Hamilton restaurants range from harbor-front Relais & Chateaux, members to good pubs.

It seems every chef has a version of the regional fish chowder that gets its sting from local sherry pepper sauce and black Bermuda rum. (I had five bowls in five eateries in three days and agreed with "Bermuda Gold" critics that Hamilton's Hog Penny is best.)

Commerce is the lifeblood of the place—the U.S. dollar is legal tender, which was a disappointment to its

valued at less than \$1.5 million. Still, the place has always been rife with names—Pillsbury, Astor, Frick, Perot.

Perot? In nonpopulist Bermuda?
Ross Perot selected the east end, near St. George, for his Bermuda pied-a-terre. St. George is the island's first town, and it is charming. The harbor quay bustles with attractions and flowered shorts. But along steep, winding streets and alleys that bind the pocket-size village to its bay, it's possible to experience Old Bermuda and see a number of good National Trust properties.

The most unexpected is the Confederate Museum,

stucco mass seemingly planted between four of the massive hipped chimneys common on the island. It is set in lovely gardens and furnished with Bermudian cedar furniture and should not be missed.

The pleasing uniformity achieved by Bermuda's architecture is due in part to limited building materials and to aesthetic solutions to the problem of finding fresh water. All early houses are made from blocks of dressed limestone. Current builders often use cement block. In either case, the blocks are washed with dissolved limestone left white or tinted. After World War II, which among other changes saw the interdiction against automobiles lifted, the pastels associated with

Bermuda were introduced—pale blue, green, yellow and the ubiquitous pink (now giving way to California peach).

But it is the roofs that, in their legally enforced sameness, give island homes their distinctive signatures. Inch-thick slabs of limestone are laid by stepped courses on heavy cedar trusses tied at the top. Each course is runneled on the exterior, forming channels to capture the 60 inches annual rainfall and deliver it to underground cisterns. The roofs are all painted white for hygienic reasons, but the result is very beautiful, a stark foil for the blue of the water and sky, and the deep green of the gardens.

The country's passion for gardening can be seen in the 850 acres set aside for parks. Much of the southern seashore is protected by beautiful national park land, and each of the towns has pocket areas of quiet green. The Botanical Gardens with an area for the blind planted for fragrance and texture, the Edmund Gibbons Nature Reserve, Spittal Pond and the gardens around Palm Grove are all splendid. Most hotels and all the cottage colonies, such as Lamana on the west end, are themselves parks.

What grows in Bermuda grows exuberantly, and gardeners must exert steady control. The lovely results can be seen on the Garden Club of Bermuda's annual April and May house and garden tour. Some of the residences on the tour have historic significance, some are newly decorated to the nines. Many have stupefying views of ocean and bays.

Today, certain gardeners are turning their sights on land preservation. Almost all the lush and colorful vegetation that seems to typify Bermuda was introduced: bougainvillea, hibiscus, loquat, Natal plum, raphelopsis, citrus, poinsettia, oleander, poinciana.

But such exotics have threatened native plants and proven fragile in big winds, like Hurricane Emily in 1987. That was the storm that convinced many gardeners to take a look at Bermuda's indigenous growth, and for that, one asks naturalist David Wingate for a tour of the forest reserve on Nonsuch Island. It is planted with native palmetto, olive wood trees, chaparral-type understory and a variety of grasses.

It is natural Bermuda: wild, open, surrounded by an impossibly blue sea, green, swept by the wind.

Nancy Scott Anderson is a freelance travel writer.



Photo courtesy of Bermuda Department of Tourism

St. George is a charming area that was the first town on the island of Bermuda.

clouds out of the horizon is by far the favorite pastime for visitors.

Inland sights are seen by taxi—the drivers must be the best informed, most affable in the world—ferry, bus or moped. Tourists can't rent cars. There are three main east-west roads that cut through porous coral canyons, walled in places by limestone blocks, open in others to views of the sea. They take you through pastel residential clusters with flourishing gardens, across many bridges, around some 60 churches and by schools where uniformed children straggle into classes seeming, despite the dress, less British than American and more Caribbean than either.

The "island" is actually an archipelago, the main islands curving like a cupped hand around bays harboring tiny islets that can provide the kind of unassailable residential privacy reserved worldwide for the very rich.

In the 17th century, Loudon saw in Bermuda's rock-fast nothingness another Virginia, a plantation that would make them all rich. It was not to be, or at least not that way. Slaves—Africans, Irish (sent by Oliver Cromwell and given to ongoing rebellion) and American Indians—did the farming. After emancipation in the 1830s, very little was done at all. Despite intermittent successes with the exportation of its eponymous onion and Easter lilies, Bermuda's livelihood and lifeblood have always come from the sea.

Piracy was important early on, but legal trade with the United States, facility at shipbuilding and later its site as a British outpost in the Atlantic has given Bermuda one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. Which is good, because everything, even the oil used to generate its electricity, must be imported. And that is costly.

So is property. Foreigners cannot purchase a house

headquarters during the Civil War for Norman Walker, a friend of Jefferson Davis, who oversaw the lucrative business of running the Wilmington blockade.

Bridge House, home to Virginia privateer Bridger Goodrich, now houses a small art and gift gallery.

The Old Rectory (not open), behind the very lovely St. Peter's church—the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere—has a charming garden, with old-fashioned English borders laid out around a small lawn.

The fine Tucker House, built for the family of a Virginia planter who was also governor of Bermuda, is St. George's best trust property, and it is open. The rooms are spacious and high-ceilinged, furnished in Bermudian cedar and good English pieces. The silver collection is exceptional.

The best trust property is not in St. George, but near Hamilton. Vermont was built in 1710, its pastel

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Ayora and boarded a bus to bounce over rutted roads to the cool, misty highlands of Santa Cruz. From the veranda of Steven Devine's farm, at an elevation of 1,800 feet, we watched half a dozen 500-pound tortoises slowly migrate across the rolling pastures, fading in and out of the mist, called garua.

Between September and June, as many as 90 tortoises pass through in a parade that resembles an armored tank maneuver more than a dry-season forage for food.

"Approach them slowly," Cindy warned, leading us into the tall grass, "and take photos as you go. If you move too fast, they'll retract their heads."

At sunset on our last night, as our boat nosed toward the sheer cliffs of Daphne Major, a crewman cried: "Whale!" We rushed to the bow, scanning the sea until the next plume of spray shot up and the arching spine of a humpbacked whale broke the dark surface, a call at her side. We cut our speed, changed our course, postponed dinner and quietly followed the pair for a golden hour.

No one visits the Galapagos without being part of a group. Either you arrive in Ecuador with one, or you join a "pickup" group in the coastal city of Guayaquil, a 90-minute jet flight from the airport on Baltra. Each group has a licensed guide: you can't go on an island without one. The idea is to get a Level Three guide, trained in biology, geography and history of the Galapagos, and one whose language you speak. Some trips are geared to the special interests of photographers, birders or divers and have different itineraries.

For most travelers, home base is a boat shared with from six to 90 passengers. Boats of six to 12 passengers allow more flexibility of movement and more time on the islands; you can often be the first ashore each morning or the last to leave a snorkeling beach in the afternoon. Small boats allow for quiet, star-studded hours on deck after dinner and for impromptu Spanish lessons from the crew.

Some people prefer basing at the Hotel Delfin (20 twin-bedded rooms with ceiling fans and private baths) in Puerto Ayora, on Santa Cruz island, and going out each day on the 120-foot motor yacht Delfin II.

The hotel option is favored by travelers who fear being seasick, and yet it does not necessarily seem to work that way. Because of distances between islands (some trips of five to seven hours), the Delfin II spends more time at sea commuting, and there are 5:30 a.m. calls for departure. The live-aboard craft move by night to position themselves closer to the next day's destination. And even in rough seas, there seems to be an accommodation to the motion ("getting your sea legs") after days at sea.

Seasickness happens; go prepared with your

favorite remedies—pills, patches or wristbands. It is a duffel-bag trip. Regular suitcases (if you have city clothes and purchases) may be left in Guayaquil or Quito, to which you will have to return on the flight home.

a snug fit) and used the boat's swim fins. I took along insect repellent, which, in September, went unused (there were no bugs in the dry season), and two containers of sun block (barely enough for fair skin under the relentless equatorial sun).

IF YOU GO

The Rachel III is one of several yachts operated by Metropolitan Touring's Galapagos Cruises of Quito, Ecuador. They also operate the Hotel Delfin/Delfin II program. Contact Adventure Associates, (001) 214/907-0414.

Weekly charters on Rachel III (Friday to Friday from Baltra) range from \$14,500 for eight passengers to \$8,800 for four. Three- and four-night cruises are also available.

Another excellent group is Quasar Nautica of Ecuador, whose boats include the speedy, 10-passenger motor vessel Nortada, which cruises at 14 knots and is ideal for reaching the farthest islands, and the luxurious, 14-passenger sailing ship Alta, a three-masted schooner built in Norway, with oil paintings and a fireplace in its salon.

Contact Quasar Nautica Galapagos Expeditions in the United States, 7855 Northwest 12th Street, Suite 115, Miami, Florida 33126; (305) 599-9008.

Wardrobe essentials for the Galapagos include cotton pants and/or shorts, cotton shirts (long- and short-sleeved), swimsuit, tie-on sun hat (the winds can be fierce), rubber-sole shoes for hiking on lava and rocks, and rubber-sole beach sandals. (On most boats, you leave your shore shoes in a basket on deck and go barefoot below.)

Each boat provides snorkeling gear, but its condition varies and there may not be enough to go around; I packed my own snorkeling mask and tube (so it had

writer as the panga approaches a craggy, wave-bashed ledge and you scramble ashore between surges.

A comfortable boat and savvy crew are key to a successful adventure. I was aboard the Rachel III, an air-conditioned, 85-foot motor-sailer with four double cabins, each with private bath. The crew was cheerful, the cook a whiz. (The Rachel III was built in Taiwan, registered in Wilmington, Del., and, in the Spanish-speaking Galapagos, pronounced "Raquel," as in Welch.)

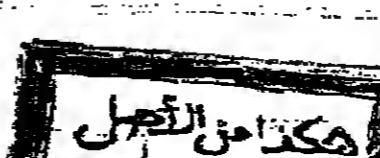
On our last night on board, I awakened to the rattle of heavy snoring and gently shook my husband's shoulder. When the sound did not ebb, I decided it was the man in the next cabin and stuffed my head under a pillow.

At dawn I peaked through the porthole to greet the fresh pink world and saw, in the panga tied to our craft, a sleeping sea lion with a dreamy smile. His midnight snoring had long since ceased.

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Fly your son home, but have him pay later

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
After finishing the army, my son worked for a few months to save money to travel to the Far East. I was happy to let him hold on to what he earned; he had no rent or food bills to pay; he used our car (while we filled the tank at our expense); and we even contributed money for his entertainment.
But now, after traveling for a few months, he has run out of cash and asks that we send him a return ticket. I know I could tell him he's got to work his way home, but I'd never forgive myself if something happened to him along the way.
On the other hand, I think it is not a good thing for him to assume we will always bail him out financially. What should I do?
Mother of a Jewish Prince
Jerusalem

of your family, I can only reiterate what I have said many times in response to other readers: you have the power to change yourself and very little power to change others. If your parents were asking me, I'd tell them to let you have your way.
Since it is you who is unhappy, you must decide either to minimize the time your children spend with their grandparents (for example, stop asking them to babysit for you), or learn to bend a little.
Your authority and rules will not be hindered in your own home. If your children are exposed to another outlook when they are with your parents, they will learn to differentiate between one set of rules and another. This is a process which they must undergo in any case, when they go to school and visit friends.

Dear Jewish Queen,
You could send him the ticket and then demand that he work to reimburse you for it. This time, you might be a bit more stringent regarding his day-to-day living expenses.
If you do not stick to your guns where the transfer of (your) funds is concerned, you will accomplish little to rid him of the notion that you'll always be there to bail him out. If you can teach yourself not to take pity on him every time he's tight for cash, you'll have moved mountains.

Dear Ruthie,
I have been considering undergoing mild plastic surgery for cosmetic purposes (to have the skin around my eyes lifted). I would be interested to hear your views on the subject, as I have consulted with many people and still am no closer to making a final decision.
Renovation Reminiscing
Kidron

Dear Ruthie,
My parents disagree with the way I am raising my children. I have explained to them many times that just as they had the chance to do things as they saw fit, so now do I. When they babysit for my children, they try as hard as they can to undermine my authority and change my rules.
No matter what I say - regardless of the tone I use - they go ahead and do as they please. Is there something I can do to convince them that I am now an adult, with the right to make decisions regarding my own children?
Uncontrollably Undetermined
Somewhere in Israel

Dear RR,
The optimal achievement for a person dissatisfied with his looks or his aging process - in a perfect world - is to accept himself. It is a greater accomplishment to learn to be comfortable in one's own skin than to change the skin.
However, we do not live in a perfect world, and not everyone feels capable of working on himself from inside. Those who lack confidence in their inner strength are more likely to put faith in their outer appearance. Just keep in mind that while inner resolve is something which must be renewed constantly, so is plastic surgery.
Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 51, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

The smallest show on earth

MAYBE it's because Maria Fernanda Cardoso wears a silver cape and wields a tiny whip.
Or maybe it's because she harnesses fleas with tiny wires, gives them names like Teeny and Tiny and then blows on them to coax them to walk across a mini-tight-rope or jump from a high dive.
Whatever it is, audiences at the Cardoso Flea Circus often leave her weekend shows at the Exploratorium science center with bemused looks on their faces.
"People don't think it's real," Cardoso says.
But close examination reveals that there are, indeed, fleas attached to wire harnesses or dressed in costumes - live fleas that dance (sort of), juggle and lift weights.
One of them, a mighty mite named Tarzan, pulls a toy big rig.
"He's the strongest, but not the smartest. Otherwise he wouldn't do this," Cardoso says, with a coy grin as her mostly adult audience squints to get a look.
Then there's Harry Fleedini, the world's smallest escape artist.
"Oh," she says, feigning a look of surprise as she opens his box. "He's gone already."
Some think Cardoso's show is strange. Many think it's funny. And at least one person in the audience always asks if the fleas are alive.
"They're very skeptical," Cardoso's assistant, Heidi Zednik, says.
For the ringmaster and creator of the show, it's more than a circus sideshow. "I don't know if they know I'm a serious artist," says Cardoso, who earned her Master of Fine Arts at Yale University.
A native of Colombia, she is a sculptor and installation artist who has exhibited work at major galleries in the US, Canada and South America. Her pieces often

include animals such as lizards, snakes and starfish.
This latest project, she says, is "art and life" - a chance for her to show her sense of humor and interact with her audience.
"It's nothing like I have ever done," she says. "I have never performed anything in my life."
Cardoso began learning about fleas four years ago. She wanted to use human fleas, as have most traditional flea circuses. But those were too hard to find, so she buys cat fleas from a lab for seven to 10 cents each.
The fleas live about two months - long enough, Cardoso says, for her to become attached to them. The first step is to harness them, using tweezers and magnifying goggles. Then she teaches them to walk on two legs and designs an act for them in her ever-evolving show.
"I tried to find somebody from which to learn. But there was no one," says Cardoso, who won't reveal how she feeds the fleas, which of course dine mainly on blood.
In her research, she found suggestions in books about an Italian named Bertolotto who designed elaborate flea circuses in Europe in the 1800s. His audiences included royalty. In New York in the 1950s, a man simply known as Prof. Heckler herded fleas at his show on 42nd Street.
As far as Cardoso knows, the last flea circus met its demise in the 1970s.
"I revived it because it was lost," says the self-proclaimed Prof. Cardoso, Queen of the Fleas - still a serious artist who teaches sculpture at the San Francisco Art Institute.
But she often finds herself day-dreaming about fleas.
"This is an obsession of mine," says Cardoso, who wants to be buried in a flea-shaped coffin. "I am totally hooked. I got the flea bite."
(AP)



Brazil's Camayura tribespeople could see their homeland destroyed if a planned river link harms the wildlife of South America's heartland.
(John Moss/ Camera Press)

The waterway that may have its way with nature

YEARS ago, the idea of freighters steaming from the Atlantic Ocean into the heart of South America seemed little more than a daydream.
Today, the dream suddenly looks real.
Businessmen and farmers say a planned 3,500-kilometer river link from Uruguay to western Brazil could open South America's heartland to prosperity, much as the Mississippi River did for the US a century ago.
But environmental activists say the waterway would doom the Pantanal, the world's largest wetlands and home to one of the richest collections of wildlife on the planet.
The Hidrovia project, scheduled to start in 1997, would link the Uruguayan port of Nueva Palmira to the Brazilian city of Caceres in the frontier state of Mato Grosso.
Engineers plan to join the Parana and Paraguay rivers that run past Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Bolivia and cut across the heart of Brazil's Pantanal - Portuguese for swampland.
The initial cost would be \$1.3 billion, plus \$2b. more for maintenance, such as daily dredging during the 20 years of construction.
The dream became a possibility as long-time national rivalries gave way to economic cooperation and the Mercosul tariff union among Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.
Proponents say the waterway would give land-locked Paraguay and Bolivia an outlet to the sea, boost Argentine exports and create a modern international port in Uruguay.
For Brazil, it could trigger an economic boom for mining companies and farmers in the central plains, which are rich in soybeans, wheat, rice, hardwoods, iron, manganese and precious stones.
"This is the most important economic venture the region has seen for quite some time," said

navy Capt. Jorge Bandani, a Bolivian representative on the five-nation commission coordinating the project.
Environmentalists say it also could spell disaster.
They say that even a study by the Internave engineering firm of Sao Paulo, which found the waterway would be profitable, has warning signs.
The study says engineers would have to build at least 32 dikes to straighten the curves of the Paraguay River and dredge 110 million cubic meters of silt along its banks to allow ships through.
Activist groups fear that would disrupt the movement of water into the Pantanal, which now soaks up millions of gallons of water a year, moderating the flow of rivers and preventing flooding.
The study also says the waterway would have to increase the volume of the rivers by as much as 35 percent to accommodate shipping, meaning less water available for the wetlands.
Katherine Fuller, president of the World Wildlife Fund, said the project would lead to gradual desertification, with a drop of 25 centimeters in the water level of the flood plain.
"That would unleash a series of changes in all the region's wildlife," said Fuller. "Entire species of fish and birds would die off and massive flooding down river would put people and buildings at risk."
The Pantanal sprawls across 139,250 square kilometers of the Upper Paraguay River Basin in eastern Bolivia, northeastern Paraguay and the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul.
It is a sanctuary for a wealth of animals, including jaguars, giant anteaters, caymans, marsh deer, giant otters, toucans and rare hyacinth macaws.
The World Wildlife Fund says the Pantanal is home to 650 species of birds, 240 varieties of fish, 80 types of mammals, 50 kinds of reptiles and more than 90,000 va-

Brain exercises keep memory in shape

Leah Abramowitz talks to psychologist Nitza Ayal and discovers that memory can be improved with mental workouts.

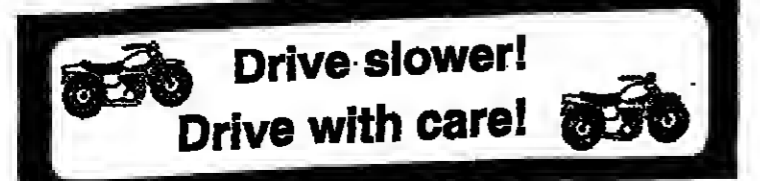
HAVING trouble remembering what you did last night?
Don't worry, say the experts, occasional memory loss is common and rarely deteriorates into Alzheimer's disease or dementia.
There are many tricks one can use in memory blocks, according to Nitza Ayal, a developmental psychologist who has been teaching about memory for over 10 years in her courses at Tel Aviv University and the Open University as well as in classes she gives for the general public.
She has written a popular book in Hebrew on the subject called *Journey Into Memory* and a pamphlet for the National Insurance Institute and for ESHEL, a division of the Joint Distribution Committee that provides services for the elderly.
"Research shows that intervention can make a change," says Ayal, who is currently doing research at the Herzog Institute of Tel Aviv University.
At the age of 40, she admits, there are often changes in the brain, but the rate of deterioration varies from person to person.
However, research has proven that the rate of change in memory is definitely a function of mental exercises.
"Those who are mentally alert, learning and indulging in rational pursuits are less likely to experience memory decline than those who don't use their minds," she says.
Ayal finds that many elderly people flock to her courses.
"Many fear that they're victims of Alzheimer's or other dementias," she says.
However, it is benign forgetfulness and not disabling and progressive forgetfulness which afflicts the vast majority.
Most people expect their bodies and reflexes to slow with age. Physicians now recognize that memory also declines with advancing years.
However, age-associated memory impairment is neither progressive nor disabling, as are the illnesses that cause dementia. Only a fraction of the population will ever suffer from dementia - three to five percent.
Helpful tricks in the fight against age-associated memory impairment include writing reminders and lists, repeating names that are easily forgotten out loud and using association to implant useful information.
It is the practical aids that are taught at many of the Memory Improvement classes which make them so useful and popular.
"I learned not only how to live with my memory problem," said Fanny, a participant at a senior citizen center, "but also what to do about it."
Fanny also learned that minor memory difficulties can be accelerated by physical and psychological factors: fatigue, grief, stress, medication, vision or hearing loss, depression and illness.
Similarly, outside factors - such as distraction, lack of concentration or an attempt to remember too many details at once - can increase memory impairment.
Despite the tricks, there are certain functions that do deteriorate with age. Encoding, or add-

ing new information to one's long term memory becomes more difficult, as does recall, or remembering specific information when it's demanded. The frustration of this experience can make the person anxious and this anxiety further blocks the recall process.
It also may become more difficult to pay attention to more than one item at a time with advancing years, and new learning takes conscious effort if the student is out-of-practice.
However, hoary Talmud students have no difficulty learning new tractates since they've been engaged in this type of study all their lives.
In addition, recognizing faces, voices and other familiar information is generally not a problem for older people. Similarly, the experiences of a lifetime gives this segment of the population an advantage over the younger people. Older adults apparently do better than their progeny in tests that measure knowledge and vocabulary.
MANY PSYCHOLOGISTS, social workers and gerontologists have adopted Ayal's methods and lead groups in memory improvement.
At the Martin Buber Institute at the Hebrew University, two 6-hour courses have been given on memory for professional people who work with the elderly.
"It's one of our most popular courses," says Dr. Pat Zubari, director of the Institute.
Some of Ayal's ideas also have been incorporated into programs for cognitively impaired elderly. At Ichilov Hospital, people suffering from mild dementia or depression are referred to a group by the Psycho-Geriatric Clinic there.
The group meets once a week for three hours and the 10 participants engage in discussions, music therapy, creativity exercises and memory games.
"The chug [group] gives them an opportunity to talk about what's on their mind," says Debbie Lahav, a senior occupational therapist who directs the circle.
"It's a kind of support group. Just last week we were talking about falls, and one man who suffers from Parkinson's Disease and slight dementia changed the focus to emotional falls."
Melavey, an organization for the mentally impaired elderly in Jerusalem, has also opened a club for memory improvement.
Dr. Maritza Milstein conducts the group, which meets twice a week, as well as organizes trips, discussions and music therapy for it.
The club gives the members "an injection of self-esteem," Milstein says.
"We work on exercises that assure success," Milstein explains. "They love to solve riddles or give interpretations to verses from *Pirke Avot* [Ethics of the Fathers]."
"We talk about how to organize our lives and make maximum use of the cognitive abilities that we have. There's a lot of good interaction and an improved self-image here."

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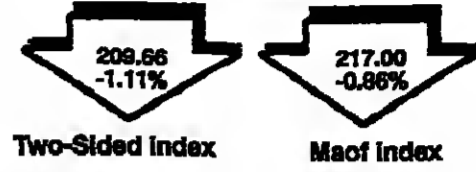
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Indexes fall for fourth straight day

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ



INDEXES dropped for a fourth straight day, following Tuesday's declines in Israeli shares traded in New York. Losses were led by Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which fell three percent following declines in the company's American Depository Receipts, which decreased in 42% on Tuesday from 44% on Monday. The Maof Index fell 0.86% to 217.00, and the Two-Sided Index decreased 1.11% to 209.66. Of 1,009 issues traded across the exchange, almost five times as many shares fell as rose. More than NIS 120 million worth of shares traded, NIS 9.3m above Tuesday's level and NIS 7.3m above last week's average trading level. 'The declines in America influenced trading here, particularly Teva,' said Dan Alt, a broker at Tel Aviv investment firm Neusah Trading. Investors are also concerned that next week's December Consumer Price Index, due to be announced Monday, will indicate rising inflation, said Alt. The shekel weakened against the dollar in December, which may have pushed up prices. 'People are nervous about the CPI,' he said. 'They don't know how the dollar will affect it.'

FTSE Index closes 28.8 points lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - UK stocks fell for a second day, tracking an early decline on Wall Street after weaker-than-expected earnings from Motorola hit US technology stocks and undermined the rest of the market. The FTSE 100 closed 28.8 points down at 3,671.5, leaving the index some 57 points shy of the record intraday peak reached in early trade yesterday. FRANKFURT - German shares ended lower after Wall Street's stiff losses and a tumble in bank stocks on a series of downgrades by Merrill Lynch. The 30-share DAX index ended down 11.47 points at 2,338.19. In post-bourse trade the Dax stood at 2,340.31. PARIS - Shares fell, pressured by Wall Street's nervous fall, but traders said they were pleased to see the CAC-40 blue chip index and futures contract close above their lows as key support levels held. The CAC-40 index closed down 6.18 points, or 0.32%, at 1,910.11 after recovering from a low of 1,897.34. It briefly slipped below a support level at 1,900 points. ZURICH - Shares ended more than 1% lower than Tuesday but managed to climb above the day's lows after remaining in the red throughout the day. Trading centered on shares with a heavy weighting in the blue-chip SMI index. The all-share SPI rose up 25.02 points, or 1.16%, to 2,149.11 points. TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo ended mixed, bruised by profit-taking after a collapse of high-tech shares in New York and a firmer dollar against the yen. Brokers said participants were waiting to see how Wall Street fared tonight and for Japan's new government tomorrow. The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 39.76 points at 20,612.32. HONG KONG - Shares closed sharply lower, shaken by Sun Hung Kai Properties' major cash call and Wall Street's plunge, though brokers took solace from the main index's ability to hold above 10,500. The blue-chip Hang Seng index ended down 122.57 points, at 10,304.63. JOHANNESBURG - Shares shrugged off a weaker overnight Dow and nervous investor sentiment on gold's next move in ender-firm. The all-share index was up 9.4 points to 6,638.3, the industrial index gained 4.2 points to 8,316.3 and the gold index was 12.7 points higher to 1,584.5.

Dow closes sharply lower for second consecutive day

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average closed with a big loss yesterday for the second day, as Wall Street showed its frustration at the impasse in the federal budget talks. Based on early and unofficial data, the index ended 97.19 points lower at 5,032.94, after losing more than 113 points late in the session. The drop added to Tuesday's loss of nearly 68 points. In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 20-0 on heavy trading of 500 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Israeli streaks to win in Tiberias

JOSEPH HOFFMAN

ISRAELI Wodage Zuaday pulled off a major upset yesterday by dethroning Ethiopian favorite Ahmad Hussein to be crowned king of the 19th Tiberias Marathon.



ROUNDING THE BEND - Tiberias Marathon winner Wodage Zuaday (far right) keeps pace with the pack during the race.

Until the pack began to thin out nine kilometers from the end of the 42.195 km (26 miles, 385 yards) course, the race was a toss-up between seven runners.

With the visit of Jordan's King Hussein taking place in Tel Aviv simultaneously with the marathon, "King Hussein" or "Hussein, King of the Road" as a banner headline doctored like sugarplums in the reporters' heads.

But road reality replaced literary euphuo as Zuaday, 22, put on a tremendous burst of energy at km 40, surprising himself as well as Hussein and Bimro.

earn herself national championship laurels. Her time of 2:57:19 was 29th overall. Countrywoman Ela Crimus was the second woman to finish, at 2:57:23 (32nd overall).

The top 10: 1. Wodage Zuaday, Israel 2:18:30; 2. Ahmad Hussein, Ethiopia 2:18:43; 3. Yared Kibsedo, Ethiopia 2:20:24; 4. Asaf Bimro, Israel 2:20:34; 5. Alexander Parshin, Russia 2:21:04; 6. Gimre Dabot, Ethiopia 2:21:31; 7. Tamara Halaimenkak, Ethiopia 2:21:43; 8. Dov Kremer, Israel 2:24:44; 9. Alex Vituzanin, Russia 2:26:11; 10. Igor Pashev, Russia 2:27:32.

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SCOREBOARD ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP QUARTERFINALS: Arsenal 2, Newcastle 1; Aston Villa 1, Wolverhampton 0; Leeds 2, Reading 1; Norwich 1, Birmingham 1.

England coach Venables will quit after Euro finals

LONDON (Reuter) - England soccer coach Terry Venables is to quit after this year's European championship finals.

"He was urged to think again over the Christmas period and while he was abroad last week," Davies said, "He told (F.A. chief executive) Graham Kelly today that his decision was unchanged."

to react by naming Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan as 4-5 favorite to succeed Venables with Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson at 6-4 and Howard Wilkinson of Leeds at 8-1.

Ohana joins Maccabi Haifa for Ajax Amsterdam friendly tonight

BETAR Jerusalem's Etti Ohana joins Haifa's men in green tonight for a one-off appearance with Maccabi against Ajax Amsterdam.

The Dutch side is widely regarded as the world's top club after winning the European Cup last year and then capturing the World Club Championship against South America's top club side.

during the league's winter break in the Netherlands. Before the match, Ma'ariv will present a trophy to their footballer of the year for 1995.

Maccabi in for a Real challenge

MACCABI Tel Aviv's ebbscotic week comes to an end tonight with a European Club Championship matchup with Real Madrid at Yad Elihu.

But Real, like Maccabi, is not as good a team away from home. They sport a 1-3 road record (the only victory coming over winless Benfica Lisbon), including a 94-75 shellacking at Pan-Ortiz.

Backcourt mate Ismael Santos chips in 6.8 points a game and shoots 37.5% (6-16) from three-point range.

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UConn holds off Villanova

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - Ray Allen scored 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Huskies' 81-73 victory over Villanova on Tuesday night in the battle of Big East unbeatens.

Kirk King added a career-high 20 points for UConn (13-1, 5-0), which used tenacious defense to key a brilliant transition game and shut down Kintles for most of the game.

In the only other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, it was No. 2 Kentucky 74, No. 12 Mississippi State 56, and No. 23 Michigan 83, No. 21 Illinois 68.

No one elected to Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) - Phil Niekro, Don Sutton and Tooy Perez all put up good career numbers, no doubt.

Not the great ones needed for the Hall of Fame, however. For the first time in 25 years, no player was elected to the shrine Monday as members of the Baseball Writers Association of America shut out all 35 candidates.

No eligible pitcher with more wins than either Sutton or Niekro has been left out of the Hall. No eligible player with more RBIs than Perez has been blanked.

